GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2943
ANSWERED ON:05.09.2007
TRAINEES UNDER SAI SCHEMES
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the age limit prescribed for training under the different schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI), alongwith the criteria fixed for enrolling the persons for such training, scheme-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that many trainees enrolled under various schemes of SAI continue to get coaching/ training facilities beyond the prescribed age limit for such training ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) At present the Sports Authority of India is implementing the following schemes for the promotion and development of sports in the country:

i) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme

ii) Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) Scheme

iii) Special Area Games (SAG) Schemes & Extension Centres of SAI.
iv) SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme & Extension Centres of STC

v) Centre of Excellence (COX) Scheme

The Scheme-wise age limit is as under:-

1. NSTC- Sub-Junior (8-14 years)

2. ABSC- Sub-Junior (8-16 years)

3. STC & Extension Centre of STC - Junior & Senior (14-21 years)

4. SAG & Extension Centres of SAG- Junior and Senior (14-21 years)

5. COX - Senior National (17-25 years)

The Scheme-wise criteria fixed for enrolling the persons is Annex at `A`.

(b) & (c): In terms of SAI`s guidelines, once trainees cross the upper age limit prescribed under the Scheme, they are not entitled to be retained. In exceptional cases, where a trainee is in a National Camp, or a medal holder in recognized international tournament with a current potential to continue performing well in international events, such a person is allowed to continue training under the SAI Sports Promotional Scheme subject to the permission of the competent authority. As instances have come to notice where apparently exceptions have been made without due justification, instructions have been issued for SAI to review all such cases in consultation with the local Arjuna Awardee who are heading SAI`s discipline-wise Monitoring and Review Committees.

ANNEX-A ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2943 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.09.2007 REGARDING TRAINEES UNDER SAI SCHEMES ASKED BY SHRIMATI JYOTIRMOYEE SIKDAR.

Scheme-wise criteria for enrollment of trainees under Sports Promotional Schemes of SAI are as under:-

NATIONAL SPORTS TALENT CONTEST (NSTC) SCHEME

The selection of trainees under the NSTC scheme is done on potential basis and performance basis.

1) Trainees who are medal winners in State/National level competitions are automatically admitted into the scheme subject to their age verifications and being found medically fit.

2) Trainees who are medal winners at District level competitions or have participation in State level competitions are admitted subject to their being found medically fit and physically and also have the required potential which is assessed by battery of test.

3) For deep selection from the remote, tribal & coastal areas the trainees are also selected by organizing competitions among participants.Under this criteria for team games as well as individual events, thee participant are made to play and selection done by a Selection Committee consisting of representative of SAI,School/Akhara, SAI coaches, Sports Scientists etc.The sports persons identified on this basis are offered admission after age verification, medal examination and found suitable by applying battery of tests.

ARMY BOYES SPORTS COMPANY (ABSC) SCHEME

At present the selection of trainees under the ABSC scheme is done on potential basis and performance basis.

1) Trainees who are medal winners in State/National level competitions are automatically admitted into the scheme subject to their age verifications and being found medically fit.

2) Trainees who are medal winners at District level completions or have participation in State level competitions are admitted subject to their age verification and being found medically fit and physically and also have the required potential which is assessed by battery of test.

3) For deep selection from the remote, tribal & coastal areas the trainees are also selected by organizing competitions among participants. Under this criteria for team games as well as individual events, thee participant are made to play and selection done by a Selection Committee consisting of representative of SAI, Army, SMC and coaches.The sports persons identified on this basis are offered admission after age verification, medal examination and found suitable by applying battery of tests in the following manner:-

i) Application of specific games/skill tests. For this the participants could be made to play and the short listing be done by the Committee.

ii) Age verification of the short listed participants for this age should be between 8 to 16 years.

iii) Application of Battery of tests on sports persons qualifying the specific game/skill test and age-verification to assess their potential.

iv) Medical examination of the sports persons qualifying the above tests.

SAI TRAINING CENTRES (STC) SCHEME

At present selection of trainees under STC Scheme is done on two basis, potential based and performance based.Trainees who medal winners at State/National level completions are automatically admitted subject to their being found medically fit.and physically and also have the required potential which is assessed by battery of test. Trainees who are medal winners at District level completions or have participation in State level competitions are admitted subject to their being found medically fit and physically and also have the required potential which is assessed by battery of test.

SPECIAL AREA GAMES (SAG) SCHEME

At present selection of trainees under STC Scheme is done on two basis, potential based and performance based. Trainees who medal winners at State/National level completions are automatically admitted subject to their being found medically fit. and physically and also have the required potential which is assessed by battery of test.Trainees who are medal winners at District level completions or have participation in State level competitions are admitted subject to their being found medically fit and physically and also have the required potential which is assessed by battery of test.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (COX) SCHEME

1) Best six in Senior National competition and Junior International Competitions are eligible for admission provided they have the potential to continue in competitive sports for at least 2 or 3 years.

2) The admission to Centre of Excellence of for those who excel for various schemes of SAI as well as talented sports persons scouted collectively by the SAI and National Sports Federations for advance training to enable them to develop their sports excellence, and to make them medal winners at International Tournaments.